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LETTER DATED 13 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

I have the honour to forward to you the following information.

At approximately 4 p.m. on 13 November 1992, Mr. Yang Jie, Adviser to the Chinese delegation to the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, was robbed by an unidentified person at an exit of the subway station at 34th Street, 7th Avenue, Manhattan, New York. Yang's waist was stabbed by the person. While he was bleeding, he was discovered and sent by the patrolling policemen to a nearby hospital. Yang received medical treatment and was discharged after about a week. The New York City Police precinct concerned investigated the case, but there has been no result so far and the criminal is still at large.

The protection of diplomats' personal safety is a basic principle of international law and a prerequisite for the normal conduct of relations among States. The protection of the security of missions and the safety of their personnel is the unshirkable responsibility of the host country. The Chinese Government strongly condemns the criminal acts that have harmed a Chinese diplomat, calls for the early capture and bringing of the criminal to justice, and urges the host country to take all the necessary measures to prevent similar incidents.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

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Deputy Permanent Representative
of the People's Republic of China
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